

**Amendments To The Specification:**

In the English translation document, please delete the term --Description-- at page 1 line 1, before the title.

In the English translation document, please add the paragraph at page 1 line 5, after the title, as follows:

**--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is the US National Stage of International Application No. PCT/DE2003/000912, filed March 19, 2003 and claims the benefit thereof. The International Application claims the benefits of German application No. 10301265.6 filed January 15, 2003, both applications are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.--

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 1 line 5, after the newly added CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS section, as follows:

**--FIELD OF THE INVENTION--**

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph at page 1 lines 6-8, as follows:

The invention relates to a method and system for routing data packets in a packet-switching data network methods according to the preamble of claims 1, 4 and 7 and to a network node according to the preamble of claim 18.

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 1 line 9, as follows:

**--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--**

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph at page 7 lines 3-5, as follows:

This object is achieved by the claims according to the invention in the features of the methods claimed in claims 1, 4 or 7 and in the features of the arrangement claimed in claim 18.

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In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph at page 7 lines 28-29, as follows:

Advantageous further developments of the methods are specified in the dependent ~~sub~~claims.

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 8 line 6, as follows:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 8 line 20, as follows:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--